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SUBJECT: MUGABE COMMENTS ON RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT REQUIREMENTS
IN DAR ES SALAAM PRESS CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. PATRIOTIC FRONT CO-LEADER ROBERT
MUGABE SPOKE ON REQUIREMENTS FOR A RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT AT
JANUARY 26 DAR ES SALAAM PRESS CONFERENCE. MUGABE LEFT DAR
EVENING OF JANUARY 26 FOR LAGOS WHERE HE REPORTEDLY WILL JOIN
JOSHUA NKOMO FOR TALKS WITH GENERAL OBASANJO BEFORE MALTA.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MUGABE LISTED SEVERAL
FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:

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-"THE ONLY VALID CONSTITUTIONAL FORUM CAPBLE OF YIELDING A
VALID AND GENUINE RESULT WHICH WILL BE RESPECTABLE TO AND BINDING
ON THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND THE MASSES OF ZIMBABWE IS THAT
CONSTITUTED OF BRITAIN AS THE COLONIAL AND DECOLONIZING POWER
AND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AS THE ONLY AUTHENTIC REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE ZIMBABWE PEOPLE."

- "THE OUTRIGHT REMOVAL OF SMITH AND THE COMPLETE APPARATUS OF REPRESSION," (MUGABE SAID HE WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THAT BRITAIN, WORKING WITH THE US, WAS UNEQUIVOCALLY COMMITTED TO THIS GOAL.)

- PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE DECOLONIZATION PROCESS MUST BE THE CREATION OF A SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE FREE OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT EXTERNAL CONTROLS. HE HOPED BRITAIN WOULD NOT TRY TO BUILD INTO THE INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION MECHANISMS INTENDED TO PROTECT ITS OWN ECONOMIC INTERESTS OR RETAIN THE RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF RHODESIA TODAY.

- PEOPLE'S POWER IN ZIMBABWE SHOULD NOT DERIVE MERELY FROM FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BUT FROM "THE EXISTENCE OF AN ARMY, POLICE AND AIR FORCE OF THEIR OWN, WHICH IN TURN DERIVE FROM THE LIBERATION FORCES WHICH WILL HAVE FOUGHT FOR THEIR INDEPENDENCE."

3. MUGABE SAID THESE FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS COMPLETELY INVALIDATED THE "CURRENT SELL-OUT TALKS BETWEEN SMITH AND PUPPET CHIEFS AND CHURCHMEN IN SALISBURY." END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT. MUGABE'S REMARKS INCLUDED SOME RHETORIC AND HIS HARD LINE CLAIM THAT PF IS THE EXCLUSIVE ZIMBABWE REPRESENTATIVE IN ANY CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS. HOWEVER, MORE THAN IN ANY OF HIS PREVIOUS PRESS CONFERENCES IN DAR ES SALAAM, HE ADDRESSED SOME OF THE SPECIFIC ISSUES
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INVOLVED IN UK/US PROPOSALS, PERHAPS INDICATING HE IS PREPARED TO FOCUS ON SPECIFICS AT MALTA.
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